

THE STORY
of
WESTERN TRACT MISSION



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"FOR WE ARE LABOURERS
TOGETHER WITH GOD"

1 Corinthians 3:9.

"Workers Together"

"Workers Together With Him"

2 Cor. 6:1

This is the motto of W.T.M. The Lord Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." He says to sinners, through tracts and Gospels, "Give Me thine heart." He says to believers, "Give Me thy love, and thy life." Go, work in My vineyard TODAY.

Our Belief

Western Tract Mission is a society of Evangelical Christians giving forth the Word of Life by means of tracts, letters, and Gospels; operating in Canada, United States and other countries.

Members of Western Tract Mission are all Christians who desire to unite with us in proclaiming the Gospel by this special means which God has given us. While not working under any denomination, each member believes in:

1. The inspired, infallible Word of God.
2. The Deity of Jesus Christ.
3. His blood atonement for sin.
4. His physical resurrection.
5. His personal, bodily return.
6. The need of the New Birth.
7. The doctrine of the Trinity.

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In Memoriam

Space does not permit us to include all those who have gone on to glory. Many of the members 'grew old' in the work and eventually passed on to their reward. We miss each one of them. Two of those close to the Home Office are pictured here.

Mrs. Elliott was the beloved wife of the founder of the Mission. She served faithfully by his side for many years, showing a quiet but cheerful spirit under every circumstance. She passed on to glory August 17, 1961.



Vida Millar served on the Office Staff from 1943 to 1961. God called her home on July 11, 1961. She was office secretary and correspondent for Alberta and British Columbia. Her heart was in the work to the very last and she worked faithfully as long as her health permitted. Vida had known for some months that God was calling her home. That same quietness and peace was evident in her acceptance of this last call as was seen in her daily life and work.

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G. W. ELLIOTT
FOUNDER

Western Tract Mission, with headquarters at Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, is a Home and Foreign Missionary Society specializing in spreading the Gospel by means of tracts, booklets, Gospels, and other printed literature.

Hundreds of souls have been SAVED through believing, and hundreds of believers have heeded the call of Christ to give the Good News of salvation to this needy world.

1. HOW THE MISSION STARTED

It was away back in 1932 that two young evangelists, Ed. Erickson and Herb Peeler, came to Langham, Sask., and district for special services. They held open air meetings, church meetings and tent meetings. We saw many souls saved, and Christians revived.

The same summer, Miss Helen Peters, now a missionary in Africa, came to Langham and started a weekly prayer meeting. Some of those who attended saw the value of Gospel tracts, and distributed many.

The writer was among those who were revived, and desired to pass the Good News along to others. Gospel teams were organized. Armed with Gospel tracts and a love for the Lord, we held meetings in small towns and districts in the north, using a goodly number of the printed messages to

introduce and to confirm the spoken message of salvation.

God blessed His Word in the saving of souls and the reviving of many believers. More and more Christians saw the value of handing out and of mailing tracts. Several started tract mailing lists.

It was easy to procure the names of many who would profit by the Gospel message in print. You remember the "hungry thirties". It seemed that people had more time then for the Word of God. Some of us mailed the tracts quite regularly, and our mailing lists increased. Many of our present day believers got their start in the Christian life and service at that time.

Organized in 1941

By this time quite a number were mailing the tracts each month, and it was considered advisable to organize as a Mission. So, after prayerfully considering several suggestions, Western Tract Mission was started, at Langham, Sask. We counted 57 active members, some of whom are still with us. Some have fallen asleep in the Lord, and are now gone to their eternal reward. Some have "fallen asleep" and are still walking around.

By 1942 the membership had increased to 263; in 1943 there were 700, the number doubled again to 1,400 in 1944, and by 1946 there were about 3,000 all told, Distributors and Helpers, and if we include friends and prospective workers who receive our monthly bulletin, "Western Tract News", you have a grand total of about 5,000. We witness at home and abroad through the printed page, and hundreds believe and find life in Christ. Mr. Rice calls the W.T.M. the "biggest little mission in the world."

(Note: The 1966 membership total is almost 4,000 with approximately 7,000 on the mailing list.)

This orderly method of mailing tracts regularly to selected mailing lists soon spread through Canada and the Uni-

ted States, and then to Africa, Europe, India and Australia. After sending the Gospel with prayer, the Distributors ask the tract receivers to definitely receive the Lord Jesus Christ. What a joy it is when a tract worker receives back in the mail a "Definite Acceptance of Christ" card! Hundreds of these have been received from Africa, and many from India and other countries.

When the Lord started this testimony we had no idea that He would extend it to present proportions. We did not know that hundreds would volunteer in this humble ministry, that many of these would remain faithful, and that thousands would receive the Gospel. We praise God that hundreds, otherwise unreached, in many parts of the world, have believed and found life in Christ.

We are confident that God will continue to mightily use the printed page testimony until the Lord Jesus returns.

The author and Home Staff would like to accord honour and praise to those who volunteered in the early days, and also to those in the present day who are humble to volunteer to boost the tract witness, and to continue faithful.

We also sincerely thank those who are faithful in prayer and in supplying finances, those who write letters, and those who recruit, or who encourage the present workers.

- G.W.E.

2. *THE HOME OFFICE*

Your Home Office Staff (1966) consists of a General Director, Deputation Secretary and Evangelist, Printer and four full time office girls. The Director, R.W. Rice, oversees the work. Jake Hoeppner travels extensively in making the Mission known and Evangelistic Meetings. Wilf Bellamy is our printer. Margaret Bergen does the corresponding with members in Ontario, Eastern Canada and United States. She does any typing necessary in con-

nection with our printing. She also looks after customers who drop in to the Book Store. Betty Dyck looks after the mail from Alberta, British Columbia and Other Countries. This is a heavy section especially the mail and orders from other countries. Lillian Friesen looks after Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This is also a heavy section as a large number of members are concentrated in these provinces. Ruth Magnus is office secretary and the duties include book-keeping, composition work for printing, overseeing tract supplies and correspondence courses.

The staff meet at the beginning of each day for prayer when items for praise and prayer sent in by the members are presented at the throne of grace. The last Monday of each month is also set aside in which members are encouraged to meet together for prayer.

What the Home Office does

- a. Upon request, they send you full particulars of the work and Application for Membership.
- b. Upon acceptance of your application they send you a membership card, list of names, necessary tracts and forms, and Western Tract News, which tells the members of what God is doing through the printed page.
- c. They mail out to the members the necessary supplies each month, as they are requested, and they write many letters of help and encouragement to the members. Problem letters received by our members are often referred to the Home Office for advice and guidance.
- d. They help the members in the follow-up work by sending them the necessary supplies for this, or this work is done directly from the office if the member is unable to do it.

Follow Up

We thank the Lord for all decisions for Christ. By means of literature we seek to help new converts become estab-

lished in their new Christian life. Satan will attack, causing doubt and discouragement.

Western Tract Mission has set up a 3-month program for mailing Christian literature as follow-up.

FIRST MONTH - The Gospel of John; The Christian's Guide booklet; The tracts, Can We Be Sure?, Christian Life Talks, and Deciding for Christ; and an application form offering a free correspondence course based on the Gospel of John.

SECOND MONTH - 2 more booklets, Beside the Still Waters; Safety, Certainty and Enjoyment. Tracts on prayer; Others May - You Cannot, and How to Live for God.

THIRD MONTH - Information on how to become a member of Western Tract Mission.

The Correspondence Courses are corrected at the Home Office, and returned.

Deputation

During the early days of the Mission, Mr. Elliott had many meetings in school houses and churches. He usually had a gospel team with him for meetings close by. It was at this time that the present Director became acquainted with Mr. Elliott and the Mission. Mr. Elliott also travelled across Canada as far as Quebec, urging Christians to really get into business for Christ. He carried on his business for a time as well but as the work of the Mission grew, the business was sold and he entered into the work full time. Mr. Rice, the present Director, following the same pattern as Mr. Elliott, first joined Mr. Elliott in deputation work on a part time basis. Later he sold his farm and entered the work full time. When Mr. Elliott retired from the work, Mr. Rice became Director and this being a full time job, it was decided to have Rev. Jake Hoeppner join WTM as Deputation Secretary and Evangelist. Mr. Hoeppner was also one of the early members of WTM and came to the

work with a full realization of the power of the printed page. His ministry has taken him across Canada and into the United States. The Lord is blessing in souls saved and Christians challenged to become missionaries for Christ through the printed page.

Western Tract News

The "News" is a "newsy" publication telling of the activities of our Members. It is the avenue through which the Home Office keeps the Members 'informed'. It is also a great 'encourager' and helps tie together the WTM family. Ten issues are mailed each year to all Members and extra copies are printed to pass on to others so that they too may learn of this great work. Usually we print 7500 copies per month and sometimes more. In the early days of the Mission the "News" was typed out 5 or 6 copies at a time. Later a mimeograph was used and in 1943 the first printed copies appeared. The "News" now contains 10 pages and is edited, prepared and printed right at the Home Office.

Printing

Our first printing press was purchased in November 1962. This was a letter press and was operated with part time help until November 1963. At this time a full time printer was employed and an off-set press had been added to our equipment. In the next few months the original letterpress was sold, another off-set purchased, as well as a hand-fed Platten Press for small jobs. Other equipment, necessary for off-set work, was purchased and put into operation. The original minimum estimate for all this equipment was \$10,000.00 but the Lord provided these in a most wonderful way for about half that amount. Printing is gradually being improved as the staff gains experience and learns new techniques necessary for quality printing.

3. HOW THE WORK IS CARRIED ON

The ministry of WTM naturally divides itself into five departments; Prayer, Distributing, Recruiting, Finance and Letters. Many co-workers are interested in all five. Those who desire to enlarge their Christian testimony are given full particulars in a leaflet which we call "Western Tract Mission Particulars". The Home Office will gladly supply all information, and will enclose an "Application" with a few simple questions. When this is received at Headquarters, you are enrolled as a Member. Our Members are known as Distributors and Helpers.

Distributors are those who volunteer to mail Christian literature each month to a selected mailing list, with prayer. Distributors are requested to write the office once a month, and request their needed supplies.

Helpers are those who do not volunteer as Distributors, but who are interested enough to pray, give, recruit, hand out or mail tracts in their own way, and to encourage others. They receive the Western Tract News each month, and a Jumbo Package each time they request it.

Life Members are those who have been faithful workers for three years. Upon request they receive a certificate and Life Membership button.

How to operate a tract mailing list

When you volunteer as a Distributor you will receive from the Home Office a list of names to whom you will mail a small packet of 5 or 6 good Gospel tracts each month.

About the first of each month you mail tracts to each one on your list with prayer that God will bless His Word to their hearts. Try to send to the Home Office as many names as you receive, and they will pass these names along to other distributors, and your name will not be mentioned

to the tract receiver unless you request that it should be mentioned.

You send to at least ten homes, thus reaching perhaps 20 unsaved people with God's plan of salvation. You revise your list every four months, and so, in a year's time, with only a small mailing list, you will reach 60 unsaved people, not once, but at least four times with the Good News.

When to start

Try to start your new list in — January, May, or September. These are the first months in each 4-month period. For example —

- Jan. Start your new list of names, sending each a Form 1 with tracts (5 or 6). Order supplies for February.
- Feb. Send tracts only (5 or 6). Order supplies for March.
- Mar. Send Gospel of John and a few tracts (2 or 3). Order supplies for April mailing.
- Apr. Send Form 3 (revision card) to all on your list, send Form 5 (Definite Acceptance of Christ card) to unsaved, also send Form 2 OR a personal letter to unsaved. (Form 6 may be used as a substitute). Be sure to be much in prayer for unsaved. Order new list of names and supplies for May mailing, and send in as many names as you ask for. You may select your own names if you prefer to do so.

Group Projects

Many believers can see in the tract work an opening for their young people to get into active service. Ask for a "Group Project" which tells all about it.

Group Projects are not prepared to take the place of individual tract mailing lists. Briefly, it works like this. One night a month is "Tract Night". On that night all gather in a church or home, and everyone has a job. One or more

are folding tracts, your best writers are addressing envelopes, some are filling the envelopes with three good Gospel tracts and a return postcard. Then, with a prayer that God will bless His Word as it goes forth, you place necessary postage on each envelope, and send these messages on their way.

"He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Let us get the Gospel message out.

Special Projects

Besides the regular mailing lists of our Members, Special Projects are sponsored and encouraged. These are most often taken part in by WTM Groups. Projects completed or now in progress are Every Home Crusades for a given area or the covering of cities, towns and rural areas in the province of Quebec with tracts in the French language. In the first type of ministry any follow-up is done by the distributors and/or other local Christian workers and Pastors. The follow-up work in Quebec is done by missionaries on the field as they are able to speak French.

God has wonderfully blessed these tract campaigns, souls have been saved and many are now active members of churches or missions as a result of this great work.

How to recruit more workers

Recruiting, or getting others to work, is one branch of WTM work carried forward by enthused distributors and helpers. The other departments are Prayer, Distributing, Finance and Letters. If you can recruit more Gospel witnesses for the Lord, you are performing a real service.

- a. Know your Mission. This little book gives you much information.
- b. Engage actively in tract witnessing yourself. You can hardly urge others to distribute tracts if you will not undertake this witness yourself.

- c. Your equipment. Be well supplied with the tract "Western Tract Mission Particulars" which explains the work, and carry a few Western Tract News, which tell of souls saved, what the members are doing, etc. Keep two or three applications on hand, and sign your name on the bottom line as reference before giving the application to your prospect.
- d. Be prayerful and enthused. Just as a soul-winner is burdened for the lost, you should pray the Lord to send forth labourers. Mathew 9:38.
- e. Follow up. Your prospect may not volunteer at once. Approach him again in a week or two, and urge him to start now to witness to the lost.
- f. Use every means available. In your testimony and at meetings, tell how God is mightily using the printed page to bring salvation to many. Write to Christian friends regarding WTM work, and ask them to volunteer.

Other Countries

"Go ye into all the world" is not an impossible command. Tracts can go anywhere and many thousands are mailed out each month to various parts of the world. Many of these are in English but others are printed and mailed out, such as; Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Malayalam, Chinese, French, German, Russian and others. We have many workers in Jamaica, Yukon, Alaska, Philippines, Fiji Islands, St. Helena, Mexico, South America, Africa, Britain, etc. Letters come from the smallest islands and the large continents, asking for literature.

We have one Associate Mission in India called the "Eastern Tract Mission" under the direction of Mr. K.T. Mathews, which is doing a great work. They also have a book store.

4. HOW THE MISSION IS FINANCED

This is a Faith Mission, financed by its own members and friends. For years the Gospel has been going forth, and needs supplied through the gifts and free-will offerings of those who love our Lord.

We never ask the unsaved for money, and we seldom ask the Christians, but we are terrible beggars before God. It is His work, none of the members are making any money on it, and why should He not lay it on the hearts of many to keep the Gospel going forth? The Communists, JW's and other false cults spend millions for the propaganda which sends men to hell. We have the report that in other countries the people are fast becoming literate. They are reading anything and everything; and not only reading it, but believing it!

A dollar spent for Christian literature goes farther than if spent in any other way. Five dollars will procure 1,000 tracts, and as far as we can judge, for every thousand Gospel messages prayerfully sent forth, one soul finds Christ.

The tracts, forms, Gospels, etc., all are free, as the Lord provides. When one volunteers for this work, even if he has no money, we start him off on a small list, and supply the literature, and even the postage if necessary. Half of the members give little or nothing, but others send in much more than what their own supplies cost, and so the Lord's work goes forward.

The fund for our first Mission Home was started by the gift of a woman who left our Mission something in her will.

A few churches, Sunday-schools, and other groups, have allotted part of their missionary offerings to this project. Eternal dividends will be evident in God's good time.

The need is so great

About 3 million pieces of literature are printed and dis-

THE LORD GAVE THE WORD: OF THOSE THAT PUBLISHED



Langham, Sask
1932 - 1946

Organized 1941
57 Members



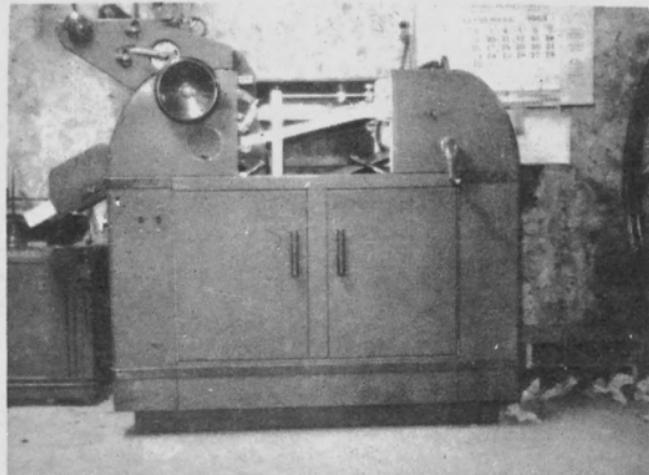
349 Ave R., So., Saskatoon
1947

3000 Members



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**GREAT WAS THE COMPANY
IT. Psalm 68:11**



10 Ave H., So., 1948 - 1961



306-33rd St. West
1962 - 1965

20th Anniversary



4000 Members

St. West

, June 1965



Thousands of tracts
all parts of the
world.

tributed each year. Many thousands more are required to fill all requests and could be printed if funds were available. Over 50,000 Gospels of John are printed each year besides many other booklets. Postage bills continue to mount higher each month. Full time staff have to live and there is the upkeep of the Home Office, printing equipment, taxes and repairs.

Some can only pray

Well, praise the Lord! It is grand to be dependent upon Him, and to be able to pray our needs in, every day. So, if you have no money, you can still be a great partner in getting the Gospel out by means of the printed page.

Books Audited

In keeping with good business practice, our books are audited each year by a reputable firm and a Financial Statement is published in Western Tract News. Inquiries in regard to finances are welcome and are faithfully answered.

5. THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

John Bunyan described prayer as an ordinance of God, a sincere, conscious, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God through our Lord Jesus Christ in the grace and help of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God promised, according to His Word, for the good of the church, with submission, in faith, to the will of God.

A young lady applying for foreign field service was asked, "How many souls have you led to Christ?" She replied, "Ten years ago, when I received the Lord Jesus as my Saviour, I asked Him to give me one soul each year for Himself. He heard and answered my prayer."

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered, or unexpressed,

The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.
Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear;
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Three great requests

1. FOR PRECIOUS SOULS. 1 John 5:14, "If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." We know that it is God's will that souls should be saved. Many tract workers tell us that they believe they have not seen results because of the lack of prayer. Definite prayer for those in the prison house of sin is the need of the day. Praying Hyde asked God to give him one soul a day. God answered. He asked for two souls. The Lord was pleased to comply with his earnest request. Before he went to be with the Lord, in his forties, he came to the place where he asked for, and received, eight precious souls a day.

2. FOR MORE LABOURERS. Matthew 9:37,38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

A thousand million souls are waiting to hear the only message that can save them for eternal life with God. You may not be able to go in person to Africa or India, but you can send God's message of salvation. We urge the ministers, church members, and all believers to pray for more tract distributors, AND TO VOLUNTEER!

3. FOR DISCOURAGED TRACT DISTRIBUTORS. The devil's most valuable tool is Discouragement. "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

If all who ever volunteered to work in WTM had conti-

nued, we would now have 14,000 active tract missionaries, instead of some 4,000 who make a real business of witnessing through the printed page. In WTM we have

Starters, Stoppers, and Stickers, in which class are you?

There is just one thing worse than a quitter, and that is a person who is afraid to start.

We praise God for the faithful ones, the Lord's dependables. But without prayer, the devil may get even you. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, (and sisters) be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Other requests

Pray that our members may have a closer, purer, walk with God, and a real peace and joy in their hearts, which comes from being in the center of His will. Pray that all believers may have a real passion for souls. He will answer because it is according to His will. Pray for the physical and financial needs of the Home Staff and for all our co-workers.

"And when thou hast shut thy door, pray." It is the men of prayer who have moved the arm of Omnipotence in all ages. Prayer changes things! It actually brings things to pass. As you face your problems, remember that Christ is making intercession for you, and lift up your heart and rejoice, Romans 8:34.

Be definite in prayer. You cannot expect definite answers without definite requests. King Hezekiah was in trouble, and he "spread it before the Lord."

"Pray without ceasing." The Mission gets a real "shot in the arm" when one writes and says "We remember you daily at the throne of grace." Take time to praise God in prayer sometimes, and to tell Him that you love Him.

Whate'er the care that breaks thy rest,

Whate'er the wish that swells thy breast;
Spread before God that wish, that care,
And change anxiety to prayer.

6. THE LITERATURE WE USE

The question is sometimes asked, "Do you print your own literature, or, where do you get your tracts?" The answer is, "Practically all our literature is now printed on our own presses. Some tracts and booklets are written by the Office Staff or others as specific needs require but generally speaking tracts printed are reprints of time proven tracts when permission is granted by original publishers or authors.

Catalogs are available listing regular stock literature. 120 tract titles are listed, including tracts for children, young people, adults, shut-ins, unsaved, backsliders, Christians, and cults. Some tracts contain scripture verses only and others are in story form with a scriptural application.

Twenty booklets are also listed in the catalog, containing a variety of titles for almost every need. Our catalog also lists the forms used in mailing tracts, Jumbo Assortments, and mentions 'other languages', Sunday School Rolls and Free Lending Library. The catalog is made up in such a way that it can be used as an order form for supplies.

Library

The "Free Lending Library" is an old established institution with the Mission. It contains almost all of the Moody Colportage Library and there is a Supplementary Library of books that have been donated. It is especially popular with the younger generation and Saturday is often a busy day as boys and girls come in to exchange books. This is another grand opportunity to witness as some of the children come from unsaved homes and no doubt parents read the books as

well. Many books are mailed to Members who request them. Catalogs are available for this purpose.

Book Store

The Book Store actually began with our Deputational Secretary and Evangelist becoming a Colporteur as well. As he visited many outlying areas he found a great need for good Christian literature of all kinds. A few books and Bibles were included in his supply of literature and found a ready sale. The storage room at home for these supplies developed into a book store and we now have a small stock for local trade and for mail orders. Most of the Moody books are kept on hand as well as many others. Bibles are stocked in a variety to suit almost every need as well as many other things peculiar to a Christian Book Store. The Book Store has already proven to be a testimony as often the unsaved will come in to look around and sometimes make a purchase.

7. HOW ANY BELIEVER CAN EXTEND HIS TESTIMONY THROUGH TRACTS

A tract is a portion of the Word of God applied to the human heart. The Holy Spirit works with the Word convincing men of sin, and showing them the need of a Saviour. We must sow the Seed beside all waters. Some of it will fall on good ground, and yield a hundred-fold.

Much sowing - much reaping

"He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."
2 Corinthians 9:6.

You will agree with the following:

- a. The chief aim of the believers should be to win souls for Christ. We do this through prayerful, abundant sowing.
- b. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Romans 1:16.

- c. The great command of our Lord is, "Preach the Gospel Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." We are failing Christ in using the "Good Seed" very sparingly.
- d. Some do not join the great company of WTM witnesses because they know nothing of this orderly sowing. We who know can tell them.
- e. Some will not volunteer because they are already telling forth His salvation by word of mouth. Some will not start because they are too lazy, or too selfish, and love the comforts of life and the pleasures, more than they do our Saviour, and lost souls.
- f. All believers can increase their testimony by the prayerful, orderly, and abundant circulation of the printed messages. God expects us to do this. "These are WRITTEN, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name." John 20:31.
- g. Paul could testify that when the Lord told him to go and preach the Gospel, he was obedient, Acts 26:19. Most Christians do not witness bountifully to the unsaved, by tract or in any other way.
- h. We can witness for Christ by our words, by our lives, and by the liberal use of the printed page. God expects us to use every means to tell of His salvation.
- i. Satan will prevent some from enlisting, and will hinder the workers, but we are to "take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Ephesians 6:17.
- j. Believers should persuade as many Christians as possible to witness for Christ.

What is your life? James 4:14

You have seen by the foregoing that you can increase your testimony through the abundant use of tracts and Gospels. You know that most professing Christians do not wit-

ness much to the lost, you know that Satan will hinder, but you also know that in the strength of the Lord you can make your life count for your Redeemer. Hundreds are doing it, and God is blessing His Word.

You can be a Home and Foreign Missionary, and start right now. The way to learn this work is to do it. "If any man will DO His will, he shall KNOW of the doctrine." John 7:17. "Be ye DOERS of the Word, and not hearers only."

Just write a little letter NOW to Western Tract Mission, Saskatoon, Sask. Tell them that you want to witness by tract, and about how many homes you can reach each month, by mailing to each home a small packet of Gospel tracts.

Where are the reapers?

Many sinners stumble over the simple message of salvation. Many Christians do not accept the simple challenge to do something they can do for Him Who gave His life for us. It is more difficult, so we think, to recruit a tract worker than a missionary to foreign lands. Why? Is it because tract distributors do not experience the thrill of adventure or the applause of men?

Why join W T M?

- a. Because if you do, you will give forth a more bountiful testimony than at present, and more souls will be saved.
- b. Because that, by joining with hundreds of other workers, you will also do God's work with less discouragement, and in a more orderly manner.
- c. Because your fellowship will encourage hundreds of our co-workers in this and in other lands.
- d. Because that you can also extend the service of WTM through your prayers, your letters, your recruiting, and your offerings.

God has blessed this ministry richly since its beginning, 1941. He will also bless you through your obedience and service. Volunteer TO-DAY.

Some excuses !

- a. No time. Answer: You have time for other things. Can you not spare one hour a month to give forth the definite message of salvation from God's Word? If you only undertake a small list for a start, you will likely witness to more unsaved people in a year than you ever did before. Much sowing, much reaping.
- b. No talent. Answer: You do not need talent if you have plenty of love. A testimony for Christ is simply an overflowing of love for Christ; you simply have to tell others about Him.
- c. No burden for souls. Answer: God will quickly give you this if you ask Him, because we know that it is according to His will. 1 John 5:14.
- d. No money. Answer: You don't have to have money if you have plenty of prayer. Some members write WTM, "My contribution is prayer." Praise the Lord! You can pray the money in! and some day you will also be giving. The Mission sends you freely names and tracts, and even postage if you so request; everything to get you started.

Many Christians have no active witness to the lost. This work is practical, and effective. Faithful and prayerful members are the backbone of WTM. Many testify that tract distribution was their first active witness to the lost, and it has proven a real blessing to their own souls.

If only the Christians would witness boldly for Christ, using the printed page prayerfully and extensively, this whole continent would be evangelized in 30 days.

In the spiritual world there is a great field which needs harvesting, and a greater field which needs sowing.

If you want to keep out of trouble, you must say nothing, do nothing, and be nothing. Volunteer for tracts!

The Gospel Witness

- W — Winning Souls — Proverbs 11:30
- I — Instant in Prayer — Romans 12:12
- T — Testifying for Christ — Acts 1:8
- N — Never Fainting — Galatians 6:9
- E — Enduring to the End — Mark 13:13
- S — Sure of Salvation — 1 John 5:13
- S — Sows Precious Seed — Psalm 126:6

8. PRECIOUS FRUIT FOR OUR LABORS

In Ecclesiastes we read: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days....He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds (circumstances) shall not reap....In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand."

Suggestions regarding the preparation of this booklet were given by one of our zealous distributors: "It wouldn't matter much what size the booklet is, as long as it contains the material which will move Christians to start doing something for the lost, unsaved people."

An important truth to remember

2 Cor. 9:6, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

It may be that your word of mouth witness to the unsaved is small, and that your life is not a shining testimony. We all should witness by our words and our lives. But thousands specialize in a third way, namely, by presenting the gospel through the visual method, sending good reading matter, salvation messages, directly to the homes, chiefly by mail.

A bountiful harvest

The Lord Jesus said to His Own, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. He goes on to tell us that there are great rewards to the faithful sower.

One of our members went to Cuba as a missionary. She continued to send tracts to hundreds of homes, and probably reached more through the printed page than through her word of mouth testimony.

To fellowship with a redeemed soul throughout eternity, one to whom you gave the precious Word of salvation, may be your joy and crown forever. 1 Thess. 2:19. "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

Where are the reapers? O who will come,
And share in the glory of the harvest home?
O who will help us to garner in
The sheaves of good from the fields of sin?

"Why stand ye here idle all day,
Go ye also into the vineyard."

Joy in Service

For those who faithfully sow the Word month after month there is a sustaining joy in God's promises such as this one found in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Many letters come in to the Home Office from Members who tell us 'that if it were not for this ministry they would be unable to do very much for our Lord'. It is a ready made missionary work for the Christian at home and places him on the same plane as a missionary to other lands, with the same responsibilities of faithfulness. There is joy in service

and there is joy in reaping. You can sense this in the letters received telling of "Definite Acceptance of Christ" cards received by the Distributor. The following excerpts from letters serve to illustrate the heart and mind of WTM Members.....

Life Member Alma Redlich wrote while attending Bible School, "I do enjoy sending tracts out and by His grace never wish to leave this worthy work. If someone had not sent a packet of tracts to me one I would not be where I am now, because the Lord used that packet to save me. Praise His Name!"

Reading, Mass. - "This is the most thrilling work that I have ever done and it has helped me grow in the Christian life. I had a Christmas card from a man in a penitentiary that I had been sending tracts to and he had a note on the card thanking me for the tracts and that he appreciated my interest and prayers. I wrote immediately to the lady who compiled my list and I had a lovely letter from her. She said it was an overwhelming joy to know that he had responded to any type of religious material for he had rejected all kinds and his heart had been hardened to any form of belief in Jesus at all. She also said that at one time he had studied for the ministry and because he did not continue, his life had been quite trying."

- Mrs. Thomas Murray

Three Hills, Alta. - "I received a Definite Acceptance Card from a 15 year old boy which gladdens my heart. It is the first such card I have received since starting as a distributor."

- Mrs. M. Smith

Ghana, Africa - "Through your assistance in sending me tracts and Gospels, I have much interest in the Bible and have now received Christ as my personal Saviour."

Winnipeg, Man. - "I am happy to tell you that the girl who requested the continuation of the tracts was saved on January 16th."

- Barbara Goertzen

Yachats, Ore. - "We are praising the Lord for the definite acceptance of a couple on our list. And our young girl convert is still writing to us and seems to be growing in the Lord. These results make every effort worthwhile."

- Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Galigher

THE ENCOURAGER

The little encourager goes on his way
Encouraging people from day to day;
Cheering the faint with a love that is strong
Aiding the brave as he journeys along.
Urging the weak to continue the fight,
Helping his brother to do what is right;
Lifting the fallen, arousing the slow,
Leading the blind in the way he should go.

The little encourager whistles a tune,
Or sings a glad song from morning till noon.
So busy is he, this encouraging elf,
That he hasn't a minute to think of himself.
Happy is he, as he urges us on,
Bringing to action our faith, nearly gone,
Prompting, assuring, restoring our cheer,
Giving new hope in the things that are dear.

The little encourager used to be blue —
And this seems a statement too strange to be true.
His mind was so centered on that little 'me',
That, past his front door-step he never could see.
Then God gave a vision, he woke with a start!
"Come out from your slumber, and give Me your heart!
You're saved to save others, no longer delay!
There's joy in My service! Begin it today!"

Lord, I would be an encourager, too;
O, banish my sadness, my courage renew.
Give me fresh confidence, trusting in Thee,
That I may rouse others Thy goodness to see.
O, fill me so full of Thy glory divine,
That love will flow outward through this life of mine.
Lay all of my trouble way back on the shelf,
Make me an encourager, all for Thyself.

(G.W. Elliott)

ONLY A TRACT

It's only a tract! You may tear it,
And crumple it up in your hand;
The wind, as it passes, may bear it
And scatter it over the land.

It's only a tract! You may spurn it,
And deem it unworthy a thought;
Many ridicule it, trample, and burn it,
Despise it, and set it at naught.

It's only a tract! But it telleth
Of holiness, happiness, Heaven;
Where God in eternity dwelleth
With sinners His love has forgiven.

It speaks of a future in glory,
Of present enjoyment and bliss;
And will you neglect a message,
So loving, so joyous as this?

It whispers, "No matter how hardened,
No matter how vile you have been,
You may at this moment be pardoned,
And saved from the bondage of sin."

It points to the Substitute dying,
The Sinless, for sinners like you.
Oh, soul, on His merits relying,
Come, prove that it's message is true!

It is but a tract! but it's warning
Is whispered in Jesus own voice;
And at thy acceptance or scorning
Either Heaven or hell will rejoice!

— Author unknown.

